**Commercial Production of Advanced Light Helicopter**

2024. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the advanced light helicopter is proposed to be produced on commercial basis;

(b) if so, what is the time taken in the designing and development of the advanced light helicopter;

(c) whether any time bound programme has been finalised by Government for advance light helicopter's commercial production; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating the manner in which Government propose to achieve the production schedule.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (d) Design and development of the Advanced Light Helicopter commenced in November, 1984. With the conclusion of test procedures, which are ongoing, it is expected to be completed by end-1994. With its versatility and state-of-the-art technology, the helicopter is expected to have a substantial demand potential, which will be taken into account in finalising the project for production.

**बिहार में आयुद्ध कारखाने की स्थापना**

2025. **श्री गया सिंह** : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि लगभग सभी बड़े राज्यों में स्थापित आयुध कारखानों की संख्या संबंधित राज्यों की जनसंख्या के अनुसार एक से चार अथवा पांच तक है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो बिहार राज्य में अभी तक एक आयुध कारखाना भी स्थापित न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

**रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार)** : (क) और (ख) किसी राज्य में आयुध कारखानों की संख्या का उसकी जनसंख्या के साथ कोई संबंध नहीं है क्योंकि कोई नये आयुध कारखाने स्थापित करने का निर्णय तकनीकी आर्थिक और सामरिक आवश्यकताओं को ध्यान में रखकर ही किया जाता है । इस समय नया आयुध कारखाना स्थापित करने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है ।

**Disposal of Defence Vehicles**

2026. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the number of vehicles disposed by defence units during the last five years, year-wise, category-wise and Depot-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : The number of vehicles disposed of by the three Defence Services (other than those issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs and ex-servicemen) during the last five years is given in the attached statements. [*See* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 41].

**Indigenisation of Indian Air Force Aircraft**

2027. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Air Force has undertaken indigenisation of parts, components and support equipments for their aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of savings in foreign exchange likely to be achieved as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) To the extent feasible, keeping in view techno-economic viability, it is Government's policy to promote maximum possible indigeneous production of equipments, spares, components etc. required by the IAF and the other two Services. In pursuance of this policy, the production of a variety of items required by the IAF have been indigenised. These efforts yield substantial savings in Foreign Exchange.